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Bakinskiy Rabochiy

SHORTCOMINGS IN PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT PRODUCTION IN THE USSR

According to Bakinskiy Rabochiy of 28 February 1953, the Azneftemash Trust did not fulfill the January plan for production of petroleum equipment. Moreover, the paper stated, most of the plants of this trust fell behind in February. A major criticism was that the plants worked at an uneven pace, releasing half of the petroleum equipment called for by the monthly plan during the third 10-day period. This practice led to a decrease in productive capacity and an increase in the amount of defective production, the paper said.

The following plants were listed by the paper as being among those failing to fulfill production schedules: Plant imeni Lieut. Schmidt /referred to as the largest enterprise in the trust/, Automotive Repair Plant imeni Lenin, Plant imeni Beriya, Plant imeni Budenyy, Plant imeni Sardarov, and the Kishlinskiy Machine Building Plant. In connection with the failure to follow the production schedule, Geydarov, manager of Azneftemash, Kaziyev, chief engineer of Azneftemash, and Parfenov, chief engineer of the Plant imeni Budenyy were criticized.

According to Bakinskiy Rabochiy, one cause for the disruption of production schedule at plants of Azneftemash was the poor organization of technical supply within Azneftemash. One complaint was that the plants were not receiving supplies on time. As an example, the paper stated, at the Plant imeni Budenyy, release of one assembly of expensive equipment designed for secondary methods of petroleum production was delayed because of the lack of a small amount of sheet copper. At the Bakinskiy Rabochiy Machine Building Plant, the release of rowerful lifting equipment was delayed because of the lack of packing materials.(1)

Bakinskiy Rabochiy of 14 May 1953 reported that many oil machinery construction plants had failed to fulfill the plan for the first 4 months of 1953. It was also reported that most of the plants of Azneftemash Trust worked at an uneven pace / (.(2)

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An article in <u>Bakinskiy Rabochiy</u> of 2 July 1953 contained information bearing on the effect of production failures in the Azneftemash Trust on the progress of drilling dual-shaft, directional oil wells in the Stalinneft' Trust.

The article, by Aga Neymatulla, director of the Offshore Drilling Office of the Stalinneft' Trust, reported that three dual-shaft drilling sites had been established at oil fields of Stalinneft' Trust during 1953. However, the paper continued, the expansion of the scale of dual-shaft drilling was hindered owing to the fact that drilling brigades did not have the necessary equipment for drilling oil wells using the new technology. In particular, the paper stated, there was a shortage of traversing crown blocks and, in spite of repeated demands, Azneftemash Trust had not released this equipment in sufficient quantity.

In 1952, the paper noted, the Bakinskiy Rabochiy Machine Building Plant delivered only 6 of 25 crown blocks called for by the plan. Moreover, drillers of Azneft' Association received only two of these six crown blocks. During 1953, the Bakinskiy Rabochiy Plant had delivered only two crown blocks.

The paper stated that the lack of crown blocks was the basic cause for the disruption of the schedule for construction of dual-shaft drilling derricks.(3)

Bakinskiy Rabochiy of 4 July 1953 reported that while oil well drillers were equipped with the most advanced technology, certain questions concerning supplying drilling brigades with the necessary tools and materials had not been solved. There was an especially acute shortage of good bits. While bits meeting the drillers' requirements had been designed, the production of them had been poorly organized, the paper stated.

It was further reported that while one of the plants in the city of Molotov produced high-quality bits, the Verkhne-Serginskiy and Kuybyshevskiy plants of Glavneftemash produced inferior bits. As a result, the paper said, drillers were trying to obtain products from the Molotov plant, rather than from plants of their own ministry.(4)

SOURCES

- 1. Baku, Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 28 Feb 53
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